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Economic Growth Sector PROJECT PROFILE

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The INJAZ mission is to inspire and prepare young Jordanians to become productive members of their society and succeed in a global economy. INJAZ first started in 1999 as a project of Save the Children, funded by USAID. In 2001, INJAZ spun off to become an independent non-profit organization under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah. INJAZ is an International Member of Junior Achievement Worldwide®, a leading global youth organization. Here, Jordanian university students participate in a team-building exercise.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Implemented by: INJAZ

Duration: 2009 – 2014

Total Funding: \$10 million (Phase III)

Beneficiaries: Jordanian school, higher education students and various social institutions; private sector employers

Geographic Coverage: Nationwide

Youth Education Program for Jordan – INJAZ III

BACKGROUND

For decades, young Jordanians graduated from secondary school and university expecting to work in the public sector, with little awareness of varied career options or skills required in the real world of work. Since 1999, USAID has been supporting INJAZ programs that better prepare youth for the job market, develop their personal and leadership capacities, introduce them to entrepreneurship and expose them to private sector role models—volunteers who motivate and educate youth.

INJAZ brings various capacity-building courses to classrooms in public schools (including UNRWA and military education schools), universities and colleges around the Kingdom. INJAZ recently expanded its outreach to include youth centers and orphanages, as well as youth with disabilities. Courses are led by professionals who dedicate their time to benefit Jordanian youth; all volunteers are recruited through INJAZ. INJAZ also implements extracurricular programs that facilitate students' transition from academia to career and inspire them to grow their passion for success.

ACTIVITIES

- Developing students' work readiness, financial literacy and entrepreneurship, through curricular programs; offering courses to enhance leadership, business entrepreneurial, economics, problem-solving, communication, and soft skills (eighteen courses for school and higher education, and three courses tailored to youth with disabilities.)
- Providing leadership training, career guidance, work experiences and inspiration, through extracurricular programs and events for school, higher education, and social institutions' students, such as: INJAZ Career Fair, Job Shadowing, Career Month, Internship and My Career Options, Business Leaders Campaign, Young Volunteer's Day, Leadership Competition for higher education students, Generations Dialogue, Students Exchange Program, Company Competition and the Social Leaders Program.

PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Achieved nationwide coverage, operating in all 12 governorates of Jordan through 191 public schools, 36 universities, colleges, and 37 social institutions around the Kingdom



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Company Program and Competition provide students with hands-on experience in starting an actual business followed by an opportunity to showcase their student companies to key members of private sector at local and regional competitions. In 2011, "Events Min Ela5er" from Jordan University – Aqaba won the company competition.



INJAZ' annual Business Leaders Campaign links key Jordanian business and social leaders with schools across the kingdom to inspire students, in grades nine and ten, and transfer relevant and valuable knowledge to them.

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- Interacted with more than 650,000 Jordanian students since 1999, helping them realize their full potential on their career paths
- Engaged more than 16,500 enthusiastic volunteers who offered their time and expertise to INJAZ courses and programs since 1999;
- Cooperated with more than 300 program sponsors, including corporations and organizations from both private and public sectors
- Created an endowment fund in 2006, managed by INJAZ's 56-member Board of Trustees, to ensure INJAZ sustainability

PARTNERS

- INJAZ
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
- King Abdullah II Fund for Development
- Corporations and organizations from private and public sectors
- Board of Trustees, mostly from the private sector